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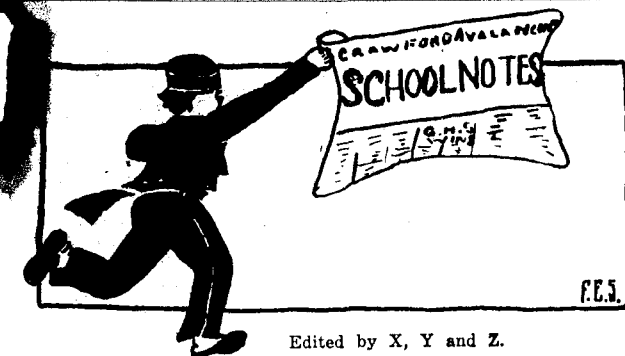
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The pleasantest things in the world are pleasant thoughts, and the great art in life is to have as many of them as possible.—Bovee.

The Civics class has filled a box with Christmas gifts and nuts, candy and fruit to send to Clyde Dyer.

Edna Taylor is home from Detroit to spend the holidays. She is attending the Business College there.

The Junior and Senior classes are now enrolled in the Junior Red Cross.

Notes of Former Teachers.

Miss Button—Mrs. Fred Klagger is living in Ann Arbor.

Miss Loss and Miss Wells—attending U. of M.

Miss Macauley—Teaching Languages in Calumet.

Mr. Otterbein—teaching Science in Newberry.

Ula Shier—teaching in Cleveland.

Miss Campbell and Miss Austin—teaching in East Jordan.

Mr. Fox and his wife—attending college in Ypsilanti.

Little grains of humor.  
Little bits of bluff.  
Make the haughty Seniors  
Think they're just the stuff.—Ex.

There will be a Christmas program

in the Assembly room Wednesday afternoon, after which the High School will have a Christmas tree in the gymnasium. The following program will be given.

Song—School—Silent Night.

Recitation—Ruth Taylor.

Duet—Miss Boddy and Helen Parr.

Violin Solo—Herman Hanson.

Song 4th Grade boys.

Recitation—Helen Ziebell.

Piano Duet—Ruth McCullough and Charlotte Flagg.

Song—School—Hark! Herald Angels Sing.

Miss Hoyt went to East Jordan Friday to judge a debate between that city and Charlevoix. East Jordan had the winning team.

Miss Mox entertained her sister the latter part of last week.

The native minister was telling the missionary in charge of his district that a sparrow had built a nest on the roof of his house.

"Is there anything in the nest yet?" asked the missionary.

"Yes," said the Indian brother, proud of his English, "the sparrow has pups."

Notice! To Girls Only ! ! !  
There will be a Christmas program

## HOOVER FUND FOR EUROPEAN CHILDREN

At the Board of Trade meeting this week it was decided that \$150.00 should be turned over to the Committee for European Children Relief. This money is part of the fund collected last summer for such purposes and called the Peace Chest Fund. The drive is made by the Red Cross but the money is to be used for the purpose mentioned above. This drive is headed by Mr. Herbert Hoover nationally and by Mayor Couzens of Detroit for the state. The local committee, Mr. Fred Alexander and

TO HAVE CLOSED SEASON ON BLUE-GILLS.

State Fish Hatcheries Advocate This and Also Resident Anglers' License.

Closed season on blue-gills, a resident anglers' license and placing the minimum size for perch and blue-gills at six or seven inches instead of five are provisions to be included among bills which will be introduced at the next session of the legislature. This announcement is made by Seymour Bower, superintendent of the State Fish Commission.

"Blue-gills are a fish which protect their bed and there should be a closed season on them during spawning," says Mr. Bower. "The present limit of five inches for blue-gills and

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Superintendent B. E. Smith will not call on anybody for funds as we have had so many drives lately, but will be glad to receive donations from anyone who desires to help this most worthy cause. Miss Anna Nelson, secretary for the Red Cross will also take donations.

What a Freshie Hopes For.  
I want to be a Senior and with the Seniors stand.  
With a fountain pen behind my ear and a note book in my hand,  
I wouldn't be a president; I wouldn't be a king;  
I wouldn't be an angel, 'cause angels have to sing;  
I'd rather be a Senior and never do a thing.—Ex.

AMERICAN LEGION MASQUERADE BALL.

The American Legion Post No. 106 of Grayling will give on January 19th, the largest Masquerade ball ever given in this city.

The American Legion is entirely an ex-service man's organization and as yet are not financially situated, whereas we can carry on the organization without the help of the people of Grayling.

The masquerade ball is to be given not only as the annual Legion ball but also for the purpose of raising enough money to keep us going. We intend to canvass the town in sale of tickets, which will be \$2.00 and would appreciate the purchase of one by you. We hope the people of Grayling will lend us a good supporting hand in the keeping together of a soldier's organization.

American Legion, Post 106.

MICHELSON MEMORIAL CHURCH NOTES.

Sunday, December nineteenth was Christmas Sunday at this church.

The music was full of the Christmas sentiment and spirit. The male quartet is adding new interest to the choir music each Sunday. The sermon of the morning was centered around the Christmas event and its significance in the present day. This is the greatest Christmas for the people are "helping the needy" and that is the Christ appeal. A large congregation made the services interesting.

Tuesday afternoon and evening were devoted to the Children's Christmas party. A large tree trimmed and bright stood in the primary room where seventy-five little people came in the afternoon for the best party ever. Songs, speaking, games and fun filled the time. At five all marched to the basement for lunch. A very fine lunch and the happy children made a good combination to see. Two decorated trees helped the good cheer of the dining room. After lunch the children gathered around the big tree for their stockings of nuts and candy.

In the evening a hundred older young people came for their part of the Christmas party. A sleigh ride for all and games, followed by a lunch and candy closed the year's Christmas celebration. Surely all who gave money and time to make this success should have our thanks. Services in the church next Sunday at the usual hours.

NOTICE.  
To the patrons of the postoffice: Postoffice will be open on Christmas day, December 25th, 1920, from 7:30 a. m. to 9 a. m. and 1:30 p. m. to 3 p. m. If trains are late will be open in order to get all mail packages out so as to disappoint no one looking for Christmas packages or letters.

Sunday, December 26th, will be open from 8:30 a. m. till 9:30 a. m. in order not to disappoint anyone looking for a Christmas package.

Holger F. Peterson, Postmaster.

WILL COLLECT TAXES.  
Treasurer Geo. W. McCullough states that he will be at the office of the Register of Deeds at the court house for the collection of taxes for the Township of Grayling beginning Monday, December 13, from 8:00 a. m. to 5:00 p. m. daily. He will collect dog taxes as well as other taxes.

## GRAYLING OPERA HOUSE.

Program for Week

Advance program beginning December 23rd, 1920.

THURSDAY, DEC. 23.

"Slim Princess"—Mabel Normand.

Snub Pollard Comedy and International Weekly.

FRIDAY, DEC. 24.

"Gypsy Trail"—Bryant Washburn.

Fox News.

SATURDAY, DEC. 25.

"Home Spun Folks"—Thos. H. Ince Special.

"Roscoe Fatty Arbuckle" in "The Garage" (Fatty's last two reel issue.)

SUNDAY, DEC. 26.

"The Life Line"—Special.

MONDAY, DEC. 27.

"Common Sense"—Selznick Pictures.

TUESDAY, DEC. 28.

"Last of Duane"—Big "Bill" Farnum.

10 Night Without a Barroom (Comedy) Fox News.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 29.

"The Lost City", No. 3—Serial.

Comedy "Save me Sadie." Movie Chats.

Matinee at 3:30—Admission 10c.

## My Headquarters



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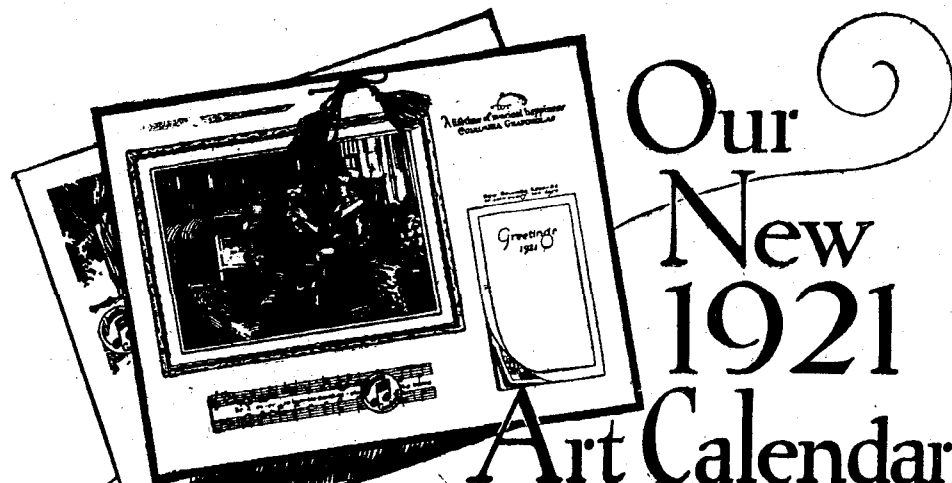
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# Webster—Man's Man

By PETER B. KYNE

Author of "Cappy Ricks," "The Valley of the Giants," Etc.

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## CHAPTER XI.—Continued.

Dolores' voice broke in upon his coming reflections. "But Billy tells me you already have a fortune sufficient for the needs of a caliph without a court. Why risk your precious life to acquire more? Money isn't everything in life."

"No, but the game is."

"What game? Mining?"

"The game of life."

"But this is the game of death."

"Which makes life all the sweeter if I can beat the game. Perhaps I can better illustrate my point of view with a story. Some years ago I was sent to Arizona to examine a mining property and report upon it; if I advised its purchase, my principals were prepared to buy at my valuation. Well, when I arrived, I found a miserable shanty close to a shaft and dump, and in the shanty I found a wretched-looking couple. The woman was probably forty but looked fifty. The man had never been anything but a hard-rock miner—\$4 a day had been the limit of his earnings in any one day until he stumbled on some float, traced it up, and located the claims I was there to examine and try to buy."

"His wife had been a miner's daughter, knowing nothing but drudgery and poverty and continuing that existence after marriage. For 20 years she had been darning her husband's socks, washing his clothes, and cooking his meals. Even after they uncovered the ledge, it wasn't worth any more than the country rock to them unless they could sell it, because the man had neither the money nor the ability to develop it himself. He even lacked the ability to sell it, because it requires real ability to unload any kind of a mine for \$100,000, and real nerve on the part of the man who buys. I examined the mine, decided it was cheap at \$100,000, and so reported to my principals. They wired me to close, and so I took a 60-day option in order to verify the title."

"Well, time passed, and one bright day I rode up to that shanty with a deed and a certified check for \$100,000 in my pocket; whereupon I discovered the woman had had a change of heart and backed over the traces. No, siree! She would not sign that deed—indeed and inasmuch as the claim was community property, her signature was vitally necessary. She asked me so many questions, however, as to the size of the stamp mill we would install and how many miners would be employed on the job, that finally I saw the light and tried a shot in the dark. 'My dear Mrs. Skaggs,' I said, 'if you'll sign this deed and save us all a lot of litigation over this option you and your husband have given me, I'll do something handsome. I will—on my word of honor—I'll give you the exclusive boarding-house privilege at this mine.'

"And what did she say, Caliph?"

"She said: 'Give me the pen, Mr. Webster, and please excuse my handwriting; I'm that nervous in business matters.'

"Dolores' sly sly laughter rippled through the room. 'But I don't see the point,' she protested."

"We will come to it presently. I was merely explaining one person's point of view. You would not, of course, expect me to have the same point of view as Mrs. Skaggs of Arizona."

"Certainly not."

"All right! Listen to this! In 1907, at the height of the boom times in Goldfield, Nev., I was worth \$1,000,000. On the first day of October I could have cashed in my mining stocks for \$1,000,000—and I had a lot of cash in hand, too. But I always worked so hard and been poor so long that my wealth didn't mean anything to me. I wanted the exclusive privilege of mine slavery, and so I staked a copper prospect, which later I discovered to consist of uncounted acres of country rock and about \$25 worth of copper stain. In order to save \$100 I did my own assessment work, drove a pick and my hot, developed blood poison, went to the hospital, and was nice and bedridden when the panic came along the middle of the month. The bank went bust and my ready cash went with it; I couldn't give my mining stocks away. Everybody knew I was a pauper—everybody but the doctor. He persisted in regarding me as a millionaire and sent me a bill for \$5,000."

"How perfectly outrageous! Why, Caliph, I could have let him see me."

"I would have, too—but I didn't. I induced him to settle for \$100,000 shares of stock in my copper prospect. The par value was \$1 a share, and I was going to sell a block at 10 cents but in view of his high professional standing I let him have it for a nickel a share. I imagine he still has it. I thought back later all the other stock I sold, because the property was worthless, and in order to be a sport I offered him \$500 for his block, but he thought I was trying to swindle him and asked \$5,000."

"Oh, Caliph!"

"Wonderful game, isn't it—the game of life. So sweet when a fellow's taking chances! Now that I am fairly prosperous again, the only thing in life that really matters is the uncertainty as to whether, when finally I do leave Sobrante, I shall ride to the steamship landing in a hack or a hearse."

"But you could go in a hack this morning and avoid that uncertainty."

"The millionaire drudge I told you of could have gone to live in a pretty villa on the Riviera, but she chose a miner's boarding house."

"Then why," she persisted, "did you leave the United States with the firm intention of remaining in Sobrante indefinitely, change your mind before you were here eight hours, and cable to Mr. Noddy Jerome person you would return in 60 or 80 days—and the following morning decide to remain, after all?"

"My dear young lady, if I changed my clothes as often as I change my mind, the what-you-may-call-'em chaps that manufacture a certain brand of clothes couldn't keep me dressed."

"But why?"

"That," he answered gravely, "is a secret."

"Women delight to pry into men's secrets."

"I know it. Had a friend once—married. Every night after dinner he used to sit and stare into the fire and his wife used to ask him what he was thinking about. He would look up at her owlishly and tell her it was something he couldn't explain to her, because she'd never understand it—and that was all he would tell her, although right frequently, I dare say, he felt like telling her some things she could understand? She brooded over his secret until she couldn't stand it any more, and one day she packed her duels and flew home to mother. He let her stay there three months, and finally one day he sent her a blue print of what he'd been thinking about."

"What was it?"

"An internal-combustion engine. You see, until she left him, he'd never been able to get set to figure out something in connection with the latest valves."

"Stop right there, Caliph. I'm rebuked. I'll let you get set to think."

"I didn't mean that. You let me get set yesterday—and I figured it all out then—and last night—and a minute ago, I don't care to do any more thinking today. Please talk to me."

"And you refuse to tell me why you cabled your friend, Jerome?"

"You will never know. I told you it's a secret."

"But you I find out."

"How much? That \$100,000 you expect to make from the four-gold in your black-sand claim? And, by the way, \$10, please. I won't let for guessing you were interested in a mining proposition."

"She returned to him the bill she had won from him the day before. 'Ten thousand dollars suits me. Of course, I haven't got the money just now, and this is what Billy calls a finger bet, but if I lose, I guarantee to pay. Are we betting even money? I think that is scarcely fair. Under the circumstances I should be entitled to odds.'

"Nothing doing! No odds on a bet of this nature to a seeress who has already jaded me from soul to vermiform appendix by making good! You know too damned much already, and how you discovered it is a problem that may drive me crazy yet."

"After breakfast they repaired to the veranda to await the result of Webster's experiment with Don Juan Cafetero. Sure enough, the wreck had again returned, he was seated on the edge of the veranda waiting for them; as they approached, he held up a grimy, quivering hand, in the palm of which lay a five-dollar gold piece."

"Still unchanged?"

"I tried to change it at half a dozen continuances. Don Juan wheeled, 'but devil a bit of assystem did any av them have. Wan offered this in spigot money and the other offered that, an' sure if I'd taken the best that was offered me in exchange, ye might have 'tought I'd tuk more nor wan durick.'

"Bravo! Three long, loud, raucous cheers for Don Juan Cafetero!" Dolores cried. "Was it a terrible task to come back without a drink, Don Juan?"

He shivered. "A shiky-blue kangaroo with a pink tail an' green ears chased me into this patio, ma'am."

"You're very brave, Gafferty. How does it feel to win back your self-respect?" Webster asked him.

"Beggin' the young lady's pardon—it feels like hell, sir."

"Caliph, don't be cruel," Dolores pleaded. "all a waiter and give Don Juan what you promised him."

So Webster went into the hotel bar and returned presently with a bottle of brandy and a glass, which he filled and held out toward Don Juan. "One of the paradoxes of existence, Don Juan," he observed, "lies in the fact that so many of the things in life that are good for us are bad for us. This job will dispense the menagerie and quiet your nerves, but nevertheless it is a nail in your coffin."

Webster, accompanied by his protegee, strolled uptown on a shopping tour. Here he outbought Don Juan, who had not been so glibly and added to his own personal effects two high-power sporting rifles, three large-caliber automatic pistols, and a plentiful supply of ammunition—after which he returned to the hotel, first having conducted Don Juan to a barber shop and given him instructions to report for orders and his mid-day drink the instant he should have acquired the outward evidences of respectability."

At the hotel Webster found two messages awaiting him. One was from Billy Geary, up at San Miguel de Padua, advising him that everything was in readiness for a trip to the mine; the other was a note from Ricardo Ruey, who signed with his alias of Andrew Bowers. Webster read:

"Dear Friend:

"A certain higher-up has been convinced that it would be extremely inadvisable to eliminate you now. It has been pointed out to this person that you are a prom. clt. up in your neck of the woods and dangerous to monkey with—personally and because such monkeying may lead to unpleasant complications with your paternal government. A far more artistic and effective way of raising hell with you has been suggested to this higher-up individual, and he has accepted it. In-

deed, the plan pleased him so much that he laughed quite heartily. Really, it is quite diabolical, but remember, he who laughs last laughs best—and I'm the villain in this sketch."

"Barring accidents, my dear Webster, you are good for at least six weeks of existence. Beyond that I dare not guarantee you."

"Thine,

"ANDREW BOWERS."

"That makes it nice," the recipient of this comforting communication soliloquized. He went up to his room, packed a duffle bag with such belongings as he would find necessary during a prolonged stay in the mountains, and at luncheon was fortunate enough to find Dolores in the dining room when he entered."

"I'm going up to San Miguel de Padua this afternoon," he announced as he took his seat. A look of extreme anxiety clouded her lovely face, and he noticed it. "Oh, there's no risk," he hastened to assure her. "That scamp of a brother of yours, through his friends in high places, has managed to get me a reprieve. He handed her Ricardo's letter."

She looked up, much relieved, from her perch. "And how long do you expect to be gone, Caliph?"

"Quite a while. I'll be busy around that drained concession for a couple of weeks, surveying and assaying and what-all; then, while waiting for our machinery and supplies to arrive from the United States, I shall devote my spare time to hunting and fishing and reforming Don Juan Cafetero. The cool hills for mine."

"What a selfish, unsocial program!" she reflected. "I wonder if it will occur to him to come down here once in a while and take me for a drive on the Moleon and talk to me to keep me from dying of ennui before I meet Ricardo. I'll wait and see if he suggests it."

However, for reasons best known to himself and the reader, Mr. Webster made no such interesting suggestion; so she decided that while he was tremendously nice, he was, nevertheless, a very queer man and thoroughly exasperating."

Just before the train pulled out John Stuart Webster took Dolores' hand. "Good-by, Seeress," he said very soberly. "The trail forks here for the first time—possibly the last, although I'll try to be on hand to make good on my promise to present

you to your brother the day he occupies the palace. However, if I shouldn't be in town that day, just go up and introduce yourself to him. It's been wonderful to have met you and known you, even for such a brief period. I shall never forget you and the remarkable 24 hours just passed."

"I shall not soon forget them myself, Caliph," she said, smiling. "Haven't you been a busy little couple of ten, Caliph! Within 24 hours after landing, you have changed your mind three times, lost the best job in the world, had your fortune told, been marked for slaughter, acquired a new friend and commenced actively and with extraordinary good results the work of reforming him, sought a gentleman in the fountain, spurned another with the tip of your boot, rode with me around the Moleon and listened to the band concert, bawled poor Billy off to San Miguel de Padua, discovered my brother presumed to be dead, and received a reprieve from your enemies, while they perfect new plans for destroying you. Really, you are quite a Caliph."

"Oh, there's a dash of speed in the old horse yet, Miss Ruey," he assured her laughingly. "Now listen; don't tell anybody about your brother, and don't tell Billy about my adventures since he left for San Miguel de Padua."

"But I'm not liable to see Billy—"

"Yes, you are—extremely liable. I'm going to send him back to you as soon as I can spare him, because I know you'll be lonesome and bored to death in this lonesome town, and Billy is a bully good company. And I don't want you to tell him about the mess I'm in, because it would only worry him; he can't aid me, and the knowledge that I was in any danger, real or fancied, would be sufficient to cause him to rebel against my plans for his homey—for his vacation. He'd insist on sticking around to protect me. He looked down at her little hand where it rested in his, so big and brown and hard; with his free hand

he patted her hand paternally. "Good-by, Seeress," he said again; and turning to the steps, he leaped aboard just as the train started to move out of the station."

"Good-by—Caliph," she called mournfully. Then to herself: "Bless his heart, he did remember I'd be terribly lonely, after all. He isn't a bit queer, but oh, dear, he is so exasperating. I could bump his kind old head against a wall!" She turned her back on the train, fearful that from where he clung on the steps he could, even at that distance, see the sudden rush of tears that blinded her. However, Don Juan Cafetero, with his rubicund nose to the window of the last coach, did see them—saw her grope toward the carriage waiting to take her back to the hotel."

"Why, shure, the poor darlint's cryin'," he reflected. "Be the Great Gun an Athlone! Shure I 'tought all along 'twas Billy Geary she had her eye on—God love him! An' he's the same token, didn't she tell me I was to shay sober an' take care av Mishter Webster. Hah-huh-a! Well! I'll say nothin' an' I'll be neutral, but—but—"

From which it may be inferred that romance was not yet burned out of Don Juan's Gaelic soul. He would be "neutral," but—but—he reserved the right to butt in!

## CHAPTER XII.

Arrived at San Miguel de Padua about midnight, Webster found the climate temperate, in fact, decidedly cool. Billy was waiting for them and was properly amazed, but not scandalized when Don Juan Cafetero, abusing the station hands in a horrible hodgepodge of English and Spanish, superintended the landing of the baggage on the platform."

"I had to bring him with me," Webster explained. "I'm going to wear him, and after that baby quits crying for his bottle, believe me, Billy, we'll have the prince of a foreman for our mine. Quite a character, is Don Juan, when you dig down into him."

"Dig far enough into that ruin and you'll find fire crackers," Billy admitted. "However, John, I'm afraid he won't explode. The powder's damp. How did you leave Dolores?"

"Fit as a fiddle, Billy."

"How does she stack up on better acquaintance, Johnny?"

"She's a skookum lass. She sent her love and I promised to send you back to her P. D. Q. So don't bother me with talk about her. You'll see her again in a week or ten days, I hope."

"No? Is that so, Johnny? Billy for you, you old wampus cat. Tell Don Juan to steer you over to the Globo de Oro. He knows the place. I've got to go and hire a mule or some other quadruped for Don Juan if we're to avoid a late start in the morning. Good night, old fellow."

They were up at daybreak, and with three heavily laden pack mules in charge of two semi-naked mules, while the cook jogged comfortably along on his big splay feet in the rear, they set out for Billy's concession."

For 30 miles they followed the highway, and then debouched to the south, west along a neglected road just wide enough to accommodate the clumsy ox carts of the peasants. The country was sparsely settled and evidently given over to stock raising."

Darkness had descended on the valley by the time they had pitched camp at the claim. They were up at dawn the following morning, however, and immediately after breakfast Jack Webster went to his duffle bag and brought forth a dozen little canvas sacks and a prospector's hammer. "Now then, William, my son," he announced, "light the lantern and we'll see if you've forgotten all I taught you about mining."

They clambered up the dump to a point where two light steel rails projected over the edge. On top of the dump, lying beside the rails, were two small, rusty, steel ore cars; the rails led from the edge of the dump to the mouth of a tunnel in the hillside and disappeared therein."

Webster stood a moment, looking around him. "How did you happen to locate this ledge?" he demanded. "Was it grass root stuff, with an outcropping here at the foot of the hill? No, of course, it wasn't. You haven't enough ore on the dump. What the devil were you driving at?"

"Only a small portion of that dump is mine Jack, and I didn't locate the ground originally. I came into this valley from the south, and as I worked up the range, I found a hard shaft close to the top of the hill, and a gullies, frame over an abandoned shaft. Naturally, I went down the shaft to see why it had been abandoned. To my surprise, I found a 12-foot vein of free-dilling ore, on a contact between andesite and Silurian limestone. The ledge stood straight up and down, which seemed to argue great depth."

"Somebody had found an outcropping on top of that hill," Webster declared with conviction, "and sunk a shaft on the vein to open it up and determine its width and direction. And what did you do, Billy?"

"I got my transit and ran a line from the shaft on the hill, following the direction in which the ledge was running, and marked out the exact point toward the base of the hill where I would start my tunnel to cut the ledge. To my surprise, I discovered my predecessor had selected that identical spot. So I verified my calculations and then sat down to think it over. I remembered that frequent and violent earthquakes occur in this country, and it seemed to me a reasonable hypothesis to blame some ancient and particularly violent seismic disturbance, which had faulted the

vein and set it over a considerable distance. According to my calculation, that other man should have cut the vein at 83 feet—yet he had gone on 102 before quitting. So I got half a dozen ponies and drove ahead 10 feet on the other fellow's tunnel; and by Heck, Johnny, I cut the vein!"

"Bully boy! And then?"

"I drifted ten feet on the vein, and the ore suddenly gave out. It stopped just like that, proving I'd come to the upper end of the vein where it had faulted; so I just worked up and around, stopping and sinking a winze here and there, until just about the time my cash reserve was getting pretty low I picked up the true vein and opened it up for the full width. Come in, and I'll show you."

"They entered the tunnel, to the signal dismay of dozens of large bats. When they reached the vein, Webster broke off samples of the ore every three or four feet, crawled after Billy up through the stope and back to the true vein, from the face of which he also took numerous samples; then he crawled out into the sunshine again, hot, dirty, and perspiring."

"Billy, you'll be a real miner yet; see if you won't," was all the praise he tendered his youthful partner, standing beside him in anticipation of a compliment, as Webster got out his portable assay outfit."

For three days Webster worked, determining the values of each sample, only to find that his assays confirmed Billy's. "You were right, son," he finally announced. "This mine is a huddinger and no mistake; if you and I live ten years we'll be worth \$100,000 between us—maybe more."

Billy's jaundiced eyes glowed hungrily. "We'll put in a hundred stamps—"

"Well, we'll try ten for a starter," Webster interrupted dryly, "and add more as the mine pays its way. It's the sweetest mining proposition on earth—only, like all high-class goods, it has one flaw when you examine it closely."

"You're crazy," Billy challenged. "Name the flaw."

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

## ANCIENT MARVEL OF EGYPT

Labyrinth Constructed Some 3,500 Years Ago Was a Structure of Colossal Size.

King Minos, with his labyrinth on the island of Crete, is generally supposed to have been the originator of the maze idea; but Egypt has a labyrinth, too, and Egypt manages to hold the record for antiquity in almost every thing, labyrinths included."

This Egyptian labyrinth is 3,500 years old. It is merely a chaotic mass of rocks piled up in the desert a few miles out of Medinet. The outlines of the walls merge dimly here and there from the ruins, and from these outlines, and the carvings on the stones, Egyptologists deduce that the labyrinth was built by a certain King Labarys, who was more popularly known as Amenemhat III.

The structure was 500 by 800 feet. It contained 3,000 rooms, half above ground, half below. Remember that the largest hotel in our present day world boasts about that number of rooms on a dozen floors and covers a city square, and some idea of the size of the two-story labyrinth can be gained."

Nobody has figured out yet whether King Amenemhat built this enormous palace or tomb. In the lower story, history says, the sacred crocodile and kings were buried, while the upper floor was a few centuries after King Amenemhat's time, used as a seat of government."

The labyrinth was a wonderful place, one of the most wonderful in Egypt, if our ideas of it are correct, and its greatness was its downfall. The citizens of a nearby town, who worshipped the ichneumon, resented the sacred crocodiles of the labyrinth. And so they made an attack upon one of King Amenemhat's successors and reduced the largest structure in Egypt to a ruin."

Animals as Barometers.

Birds, animals and fish are living barometers. The nests of many birds would be ruined if the tenants were not home during a storm, but they never fail to return, when a storm is approaching, to the top branches of trees. If swallows touch water while they fly it is a sign of rain, and the same is true if the sparrows chirp a great deal. If gulls fly out to sea early in the morning the day will be fine and winds moderate, but if they hover over the land and fly inshore, fishermen know they must expect severe winds and probably stormy weather. In Scotland country people believe that if the raven cries before the rook in the morning, it will be a fine day but quite the reverse if the rook makes himself heard first.—Spare Moments.

Derivation of Blackmail.

Originally, blackmail was money paid, in troublous times, to protect householders and workers of the land against freebooters. The word "black" did not mean wicked or wrongful, but had the sense of to cherish or protect. This was a customary tribute of money, corn, cattle or the like anciently paid in the northern counties of England or Scotland for protection against pillage, just as insurance is now paid to corporations formed to provide it for a consideration. In the course of time the word took on added meanings, just as almost every other word has, and today it represents an attempt to hold up and defraud by means of intimidation and threats."

Dig Fish From Mud.

In less civilized parts of the continent of Africa—the on the Gambia river, for example—we find fish-spearers as well as mud-searching. The West African negroes are very fond of the "mud-eel," which, according to some naturalists, ought to be classed as a reptile, on account of its foot-like fins. When the floods subside thousands of these are left high and dry, and promptly bury themselves in the mud, which soon becomes hard and earthy, and here they would remain till the next inundation if the negroes did not come along with wooden forks and dig them out.—Exchange.

## QUAKE'S DEATH TOLL OVER 200

THREE ARGENTINA TOWNS ARE WIPPED OFF BY SERIES OF THREE SHOCKS.

## LIST OF INJURED UNCOMPUTED

Roads Are Torn Up and Covered With Water and Relief Work Is Made Difficult.

Buenos Aires.—Earthquake shocks which late last week destroyed several towns along the Argentine slope of the Andes mountains were the most severe experienced in this country since 1893, when half the city of Mendoza was laid in ruins.

Reports from the area where the shocks were heaviest indicate great loss of life and property, upwards of 200 bodies having been taken from wrecks of buildings.

At Trespoetas, more than 100 perished and at Costa de Arajujo more were killed. It is feared more victims are buried under ruins in each town. At Trespoetas, La Valle and La Central not a house was left standing, and those not destroyed were left in a badly damaged condition. No estimate of the number of persons injured has been made.

Relief Work Difficult.

At La Valle terrible scenes were witnessed. Relief work was most difficult, owing to the condition of the roads, which had been broken up and covered with water. The church at La Valle was laid in ruins and the municipal building's walls were cracked and the structure was likely to fall at any moment.

The seismograph at the Mendoza Institute recorded three shocks Friday, the first beginning at 3 p. m. It was a sudden and violent one, without the slight movements usually preceding. This lasted 15 seconds. The second movement lasted five seconds and the third ten seconds. The vibrations, with lesser shocks, continued for 30 minutes afterwards.

In the town of Costa de Arajujo, the seismic convulsion opened great crevices out of which hot water is spouting. The water from one of these geysers reached a height of about 15 feet and formed a pool in which two persons were drowned. A Red Cross ambulance has reached the village and set to work to rescue sufferers who still may be alive in the ruins.

Thousands Gathered At Station to View Return of Their King.

Athens.—Constantine of Greece, removed from the throne by action of the Allied powers in 1917, and called back by the recent plebiscite to resume his former status, returned to Athens Sunday. He came into the city by train and was received at the Place De La Concorde.

Constantine's train steamed into the Laurion station, about 100 yards from the Place de la Concorde, with the returning monarch, like an ordinary traveler. Constantine, however, was greeted by the cheering of thousands of persons, who had been awaiting his arrival since 9 o'clock in the morning.

In a carriage drawn by six horses, with outriders, and followed by troops in procession, with Constantine at its head, started for the stadium.

U. S. TRADE DROPS 63 MILLION

Decided Shrinking of November Exports Given As Cause.

Washington.—America's balance of trade for November shrank \$63,000,000 as a result of a decided falling off in exports, according to an analysis of the nation's foreign trade for that month issued by the department of commerce.

Exports for November were valued at \$675,000,000, a falling off of more than \$75,000,000 from the October total of \$751,728,570. Imports, on the other hand, declined only a little more than \$13,000,000, the November total being estimated at \$321,000,000, as compared with \$334,098,698 for October.

FIGHT PALMER'S CIDER RULING

Contrary to 18th Amendment, Says Anti-Saloon League Counsel.

Washington.—The Anti-Saloon league will ask Attorney General Palmer to reconsider his ruling that the use of cider in the home by its manufacturer, even after it has become intoxicating by fermentation, is lawful. Wayne B. Wheeler, general counsel for the league, announced. The league or the implied purpose of the prohibition act did not justify such a ruling, Wheeler asserted.

Dempsey Wins by Knockout.

New York.—Jack Dempsey, given the hardest battle he has had since he won the heavyweight "champion" ship of the world from Jess Willard in Toledo a year ago last Fourth of July, is still champion of the world, for he disposed of another challenger in the person of Bill Brennan here. It was not such a signal victory as he won over Willard, nor yet over Mike, for the challenger put up a real fight, only succumbing in the twelfth round.

Dodge Policy Is Unchanged.

Detroit.—The death of its president, Horace E. Dodge, will bring no change in policies or principles of the Dodge Brothers company, Fred J. Haynes, vice-president and general manager, announced in a telegram sent to all agents and representatives of the company in this country and abroad. The official communication was sent out, Mr. Haynes said, to still idle rumors and put an end to the speculation which has taken place since the sudden death of Horace E. Dodge.

## FELT MISERABLE; HAD AWFUL COLD

Needed a Good Tonic to Build Up Her Run-down System, Bring Back Her Appetite.

## TOOK EARLE'S HYPO-COD

"I suffered from need of a general tonic. I had an awful cold. I don't know whether it was the 'flu' or not, and was all run-down. I had a cough and such a poor appetite that I felt miserable," declared Mrs. Watz, whose address is given below, along a statement from her of how she was quickly relieved.

"I heard Earle's Hypo-Cod was good, my daughter having used it and through its use it really built me up and done all for me that I expected. It gave me an



## PSILANTI, MICH.



## To Our Customers:



With the Christmas Holiday season of 1920 at hand we wish to take this opportunity of thanking our many customers and friends for the liberal patronage which has been extended to us during the past year.

It is therefore with the utmost sincerity that we take this opportunity to express our thanks and gratitude, and extend to one and all our best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Sincerely Yours,  
H. PETERSEN.  
Your Grocer.

Grayling, Mich., Dec. 21, 1920.

Our Stock is as large and complete as ever and prices the lowest and yet going lower.

We have a fine selection of Candies—Mixed, Creams, Peanuts, Coconut and Chocolates at 25c to 60c a pound.

Head and leaf Lettuce, Celery, Green Onions, Emperor and Molaga Grapes.

Walnuts and Mixed Nuts.

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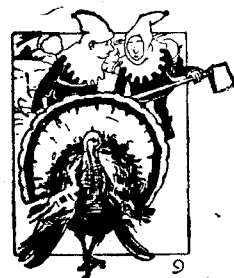
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## For Your Xmas Dinner

We will have a choice lot of Poultry for your

### Christmas Dinner

Place your orders early for just the kind of fowl you want and we will have it for you.



**ARNOLD S. BURROWS**  
**MEAT MARKET**  
CASH AND CARRY  
GRAYLING, MICH.

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Hardware Department.

This store offers you no special Christmas articles, but we can offer you some of the sensible things that every family can use and enjoy. We here mention just a few articles that would be highly acceptable as presents.

### ALUMINUM WARE and WHITE WARE

Coffee Percolators, Tea Kettles, Double Cookers, Frying Pans, Skilletts, Stew Kettles, Pails, Pots and Pans.

Handsomes, sanitary and will last almost a life time.

Shaving Brushes, Measuring Rules, Squares, Spirit Levels, Etc.

### HOUSEHOLD ARTICLES.

Saws, Hammers, Screw Drivers, Chisels, Wrenches, Vises, Planers, Knives, Automatic Tools, Shears, Scissors, Tape Measures, Jack Knives, Hair Clippers, Paring Knives, Carving Knives, Bread Knives.

Besides the above articles you will find at this store a complete line of Hardware and Household necessities.

SALLING HANSON CO. Hardware Dep't.

### CRAWFORD AVALANCHE

O. P. Schumann, Editor and Proprietor

#### SUBSCRIPTION RATES.

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GRAYLING, THURSDAY, DEC. 23.

## LOCAL NEWS

Mrs. Rolla Hull returned Tuesday from a few days visit in Bay City.

Mrs. Joseph Fogelson and baby, of Flint are here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. LaBraah.

Irene Chinnock of Ypsilanti, and brother Mr. Mallette of the U. S. Navy are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mallette over the holidays.

Mrs. P. E. Johnson has returned from Grand Rapids, where she has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Arthur Johnson the past couple of weeks.

Guy Peterson, the Misses Anna Peterson and Margrethe Nelson, who attend Ferris Institute at Big Rapids are expected home Friday for the holidays.

Mrs. C. A. Canfield is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Miller of Gladwin over Christmas. Dr. Canfield will go to Gladwin to spend Christmas.

Grayling Post No. 106, American Legion will give their annual Masquerade party at the High School gymnasium on Wednesday evening, January 19th.

Mr. and Mrs. Einar Rasmussen of Monroe are expected to come to spend Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Adam Gierke and Mr. and Mrs. Peter Rasmussen.

Oscar Olson, who makes his home with Guy G. Pringle left last night to spend the holiday vacation visiting his father, Lars P. Olson and brother Paul Olson in Detroit.

"Kelley Casey"—A big circus, carnival and ball will be given at the School gymnasium Friday evening, January 7, under auspices of Grayling Council Knights of Columbus.

Mrs. Eugene Ayotte and son Howard left Tuesday for Bay City to remain until after Christmas visiting relatives. Mr. Ayotte will go to Bay City Friday to spend Xmas day.

School closed yesterday and the teachers of the different grades left for their various homes to enjoy the Holiday festivities with their parents sisters and brothers, or other relatives.

The funeral of Major Edward E. Hartwick will be held Thursday in Detroit. Major Hartwick died in the service in France during the early part of the war. It is requested that no flowers be sent.

All members of the Grayling Society of Musicians who have not paid their yearly dues will please leave their assessment with Miss Marguerite Hoyt, society-treasurer on or before Tuesday, Jan. 4, 1921.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wingard expect to have as their guests over Christmas, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Gates and son, Bobbie Wingard of Pontiac and the former's father, Mr. F. M. Gates of Boyne City.

The first regular class of The Community singing school will be held at room 44 in the Central school building at 8:30 Wednesday evening January 5, 1921. Tuition per lesson, 25 cents. Open to everyone.

George Corwin of Northville is here to spend the holidays with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Orson Corwin. The young man makes his home with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Whipple, and this is his first visit home in four years.

The Board of Trade New Year dancing and card party has been postponed for the present. Arrangements are being made to get a lecturer here in the near future, at which time a luncheon will be served in the club rooms.

The evening for the meeting of the Grayling Society of Musicians has been changed from Tuesday evening to Wednesday evening. The next meeting will be held first Wednesday after New Years, Jan. 4, 1920 at the School house Room 44.

We know who it was that stole the scissors set at our store and will give that person just ten days in which to return it and nothing will be said. Failure to return same within that time will mean exposure and prosecution. A. M. Lewis, Druggist.

At the last regular meeting of Grayling Post No. 106, American Legion, election of officers took place. A. C. McIntyre was re-elected post commander; the other officers for the ensuing year are being filled by the following: Earl J. Hewitt, vice-commander; A. J. Nelson, adjutant; Roy Milnes, treasurer; Wilfred Laurent, sergeant-at-arms; Frank Shanahan, chaplain.

The stores about town are busy with the holiday rush of Christmas shoppers, and each place has its full amount of something suitable for gifts for anyone for whom you may wish to remember. All are in holiday dress and filled with good cheer and the Christmas spirit. Monday the grand rush started as each place was busy to its utmost and since then this has been kept up.

All those desiring to take a course in Home Hygiene and care of the sick will kindly notify Mrs. L. J. Kraus at once, so we can arrange to have instructor come here in January. Frederic has already sent in twenty names but very few from Grayling have as yet advised us of their desire to take course—no doubt, they have forgotten to do so.  
Anna Nelson, Sec'y.

Mrs. Willard Campbell arrived Monday afternoon from Mt. Pleasant to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hanson. Mr. Campbell will come later in time for Christmas.

C. J. Hathaway, formerly of our city and now of Pontiac, states that he will make a visit to Grayling January 11th and remain until the 14th, and while here will look after any optical work that may be desired. When he left Grayling last June he had planned to come back for a few days each week to look after the wants of his old patrons but found that his practice in Pontiac was so much greater than he had anticipated that he was not able to leave. Mr. Hathaway is one of the leading optometrists in Michigan and would quickly gain the confidence of the people in any community wherever he may be. No doubt he will have plenty of business awaiting him when he comes to Grayling.

Did you ever see a fraternity hen? Well B. A. Cooley, proprietor of the Gift Shop, claims that he has one but cannot determine whether it is an Odd Fellow or a Rebekah. Sunday he went to the hen house and found that one of his pet Plymouth Rock pullets had laid an egg that was somewhat unusual, for the surface of the shell was rough and irregular and clearly embossed upon it in two places were sets of Odd Fellow three-links. He says that he gave her ladyship the signs, password and grip and she acts as tho she fully understood them but was still unable to return them. She acts very lonesome and no doubt will appreciate any fraternity visits that any of the local members would care to make.

## EXPRESS MERGER MADE PERMANENT

CONSOLIDATION EFFECTED BY RAILWAY ADMINISTRATION AS A WAR MEASURE.

### FOUR COMPANIES ARE IN DEAL

Interstate Commerce Commission Grants Permit, But Action of Committee Not Unanimous.

Washington.—Authority was granted by the interstate commerce commission for permanent consolidation of the transportation business and properties of the Adams, American, Wells-Fargo and Southern express companies into the American Railway Express company. The commission said that it was their belief that the public would best be served by one consolidated company serving all lines with equal rates.

The permit granted by the commission was based on an application filed by the four express companies last March. Hearings were held by the commission in August, representatives of the companies, shippers and the public appearing to present arguments.

The commission divided on the question of permitting the express consolidation as a war measure, to be made permanent. Commissioners McChord and Meyer dissenting from the majority and presenting a minority report written by the former. The consolidation, the dissenting report asserted, "creates a monopoly" and "destroys every semblance of competition."

Other members in their report declared they were "of the opinion and find that the public interest will be promoted by the consolidation."

### U. S. MARINES GET CLEAN BILL

Charges of Shooting of Haitians Unfounded, Says Board.

Washington.—The naval court of inquiry which investigated the conduct of marines in Haiti reported to Secretary Daniels that there "had been no proper grounds" for the statement by Brigadier General George Barnett, former commandant of the marine corps, that the American occupation forces had been guilty of "practically indiscriminate killing" of Haitians.

After careful survey of conditions, the court, presided over by Rear Admiral Henry T. Mayo, found that General Barnett's charges were "ill considered, regrettable and thoroughly unwarranted reflections" on the work of the marine corps in Haiti, adding that the corps had performed difficult and dangerous and delicate duty worthy of the highest commendation.

### LIEUT. O'BRIEN TAKES OWN LIFE

Brother of Dead "Ace" To Conduct Inquiry Into Cause.

Los Angeles, Cal.—Merwin O'Brien arrived here Monday from San Francisco to take charge of the body of his brother, Lieut. Pat O'Brien, World war aviator, who committed suicide here last Friday.

Mr. O'Brien said the burial will be made at Momence, Ill., their home, but that he would make no definite arrangements until he had completed an investigation of his brother's affairs.

Lieut. O'Brien committed suicide following futile attempts at reconciliation with his wife of less than a year. He will be remembered as author of "Outwitting the Hun" following his escape from a German prison camp.

### German Title of Honor.

"Von" before a name in German denotes a privileged title, either inherited or bestowed by a monarch upon his subject for meritorious services. While formerly this prefix was found in military or feudal families only, many commoners, captains of industry, scientists, financiers and artists were so honored by their monarchs. The title is either hereditary or ceases with the death of the distinguished person.

## APPROPRIATE PRESENTS

Here are a Few Suggestions:

### BATH ROBES.

For Men, Women and Children.

### SLIPPERS.

The Comfy kind; to fit each member of the family.

### STATIONERY.

We are showing some very pretty boxes of stationery, which make appropriate Xmas Gifts.

### HOSE.

For Men and Women and Children.



**RIBBONS**  
All Widths, Colors and pretty shades.

We have Anything and Everything in the Grocery Line to make ready your Xmas Feast.

## SALLING HANSON CO.

The Pioneer Store.



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Optimistic Thought.  
He hath riches sufficient who hath enough to be charitable.

Daily Thought.  
He who begs timidly courts a refusal.—Seneca.

## WANTS

Advertisements will be accepted under this heading at the rate of 5 cents per line. No adv. taken for less than 25 cts. There are about six words to the line.  
SEND MONEY WITH ORDER.

LOST—MONDAY A POCKET BOOK containing over \$70.00 in money between the Salling Hanson Co. store and the Burton Hotel. Reward if returned to Jens Eilerson. 12-16-2.

WANTED TO BUY—A LIGHT SINGLE harness. Grayling Box Co. 12-16-2.

LOST—SATURDAY EVENING A parcel containing piece of blue velvet, silk tassels, etc. Kindly return to Mrs. John Zeder. Reward. 12-16-2.

FOR SALE—NEW PERFECTION four-burner oil stove with oven; Also a six grid wood range with reservoir and water fount. Both good as new. Inquire of Paul E. Gardner. 12-23-1.

FOR SALE—TWO FULL BLOOD white Leghorn roosters. Inquire of Mrs. F. C. Barnes, near Dowell factory. 12-23-1.

REAL ESTATE BARGAIN—160 acres 1 1/2 miles east of Grayling, down near the AuSable river. I am too far away and will sell for \$5.00 per acre. Write owner, R. W. Tripp, Albany, Oregon. 12-23-3.

LOST DURING NIGHT OF DEC. 11th a small bill fold containing a sum of currency. Liberal reward will be paid if returned to Guy G. Pringle. 12-16-2.

LADY WANTS HOUSEWORK TO do. Inquire of Finnish boarding house, South Side.

DOG LOST—AN AMERICAN FOX hound. Black and white. Two black ears, blue tick spots in the white. A large dog, weighs about 70 pounds. Answers to the name Jack. Information of his whereabouts should be sent to Conrad Welnes, Eldorado, Michigan.

FUR COLLAR WAS LEFT AT the office of Dr. Canfield. Owner please call there for same. 12-9-3.

GET INTO BUSINESS—WATKINS 137 products sell to every farmer. If you own auto or team can give bond, write today for information where you can get territory for selling products of largest institution of kind in world. Twenty million users. J. R. WATKINS CO. Dept. 111, Winona, Minn.

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A nice lot of Men's and Boys' dress shoes

10 to 30 Off PER CENT

Including the Howard Dress Shoes for boys—an Xmas gift that would be appreciated.



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Which is Complete in every detail, At 10% OFF.

I also want to thank the Citizens of Grayling and Crawford County, at this time, for the patronage they have extended to me in the past year, and to wish you a Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

## E. J. OLSON

Our Classified Ads Bring Quick Results

Select your Christmas Presents at

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Fancy Packages Perfumes, Toilet waters, ranging from 25c to \$10.00.



Fountain pens; Ever sharp pencils; Flash lights—the famous Kwiklight; Line of books for young and old; Cigars and Tobacco in special Gift Packages; Stationary in Gift Packages, all sizes and prices; Fine line



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**LOCAL NEWS.**

GRAYLING, THURSDAY, DEC. 23.

It is not good for man to live alone—if he can be the boss. The Woman's Club is making its Christmas contribution to the Child's Relief fund this year.

Mrs. John Pettit and little son John Jr., left Monday afternoon for Detroit to be gone over Christmas.

Mrs. Hazel Gust of Vanderbilt will be a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Cooley over Christmas.

The dancing party at the Temple Theatre last Saturday evening was attended by a good crowd of dancers.

Watches, diamond jewelry, sterling silver, Sheffield ware, umbrellas, ivory, but glass, silver plate, are "gifts that last". Largest and best selection at Peterson's Jewelry Store.

Mrs. Arnold Lauridsen and children expect to leave today for Muskegon, to remain over Christmas.

Alden Pagel returned Saturday from West Branch, where he has been visiting relatives.

Miss Edna Bebb came home from Bay City Saturday to spend the holidays visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Bebb.

Miss Edna Taylor, who is attending the Detroit Business University, is home for the holidays visiting her father, Oscar Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl J. Wright left Tuesday night for Lincoln, Ill., on account of the serious illness of the latter's sister, Mrs. H. A. McMillan.

Mr. and Mrs. Allyn Kidston will entertain the latter's brother, Everette Lowe of Pinconning and Miss Alice Howey of Sterling over Christmas.

Mrs. Anna Frederickson left last week for her home in Manistee, after spending several months here at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Arnold Lauridsen.

Pathe plays any record made. No needles to change. Max Landsberg.

Just 2 days left to save \$50.00 on a Pathe at Landsberg's.

Mrs. L. J. Kraus and children returned Monday afternoon from a two-weeks' visit in Saginaw and Durand.

There will be more pleasure in your Xmas shopping if you buy "Gifts that last" at Peterson's Jewelry Store.

Mrs. Jesse Smith and two children left Tuesday of this week for Decatur, Ill., to spend Christmas with her parents. Mr. Smith accompanied them as far as Detroit.

Miss Kathryn Clark expects to accompany Miss Hazel Abbott to her home in Ludington to be her guest over Christmas. The young ladies will leave Friday night.

A Christmas tree for the children of St. Mary's church was held at the K. of C. hall last evening. A nice program, that had been prepared for the occasion was given.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bebb will have as their guests over Christmas, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Seeley and daughter Violet of Bay City. Mrs. Seeley is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bebb.

Miss Lucille Hanson arrived home Saturday afternoon from the Knox School in Cooperstown, New York, to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marius Hanson.

Misses Helen Sherman and Hazel Smith left yesterday for Gaylord, the former going to spend Christmas with her friend, Miss Alberta Scrivner, and the latter to visit with her sister.

Miss Dorothy Peterson arrived home Saturday from Big Rapids, and Sunday underwent an operation for tonsils at Mercy hospital. She will remain over the holidays visiting her mother, Mrs. John Benson.

Word has been received from Detroit of the birth on December 9th of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Robideau. Mrs. Robideau was formerly Miss Bertha Sorenson of this city.

C. J. Hathaway, Optometrist of Pontiac, Mich., will be at his office, in the B. A. Cooley Jewelry Store, January 11th to 14th inclusive. Have your eyes looked after at that time.

Word received from Mr. and Mrs. Charles Curtis says that they have arrived in Tampa, Florida, where they will remain over Christmas, after which time they will go to some other city in Florida to settle for the winter.

There will be special services at St. Mary's church Christmas morning with two masses, one at 6:00 o'clock and the high mass at 8:00. At the eight o'clock mass the local Knights of Columbus will receive Holy communion in a body.

Elmer Ostrander of Pere Cheney, master of the local Grange organization returned Saturday after being in Grand Rapids for several days in attendance at the State convention of the Grange. He was chosen as a delegate from the Crawford and Roscommon county order.

James Reynolds, millwright, had two toes of his left foot broken Saturday afternoon, when a large pulley fell upon his foot, while at work at the Kerry & Hanson Flooring mill. The mill is closed down and is undergoing a routine of repairs and Mr. Reynolds has been assisting on same. He will be laid up for some time with the injury.

We want each and every one of our customers to have a free ticket on the big doll that we will give away the day before Christmas at our store. Call at the store and get a ticket whether you buy anything or not. Sorenson Bros.

A person never has too much perfume and toilet waters. They make excellent Xmas gifts. It would be hard to find a better selection than we are offering. Ask to see them. Lewis Drug Store.

HARTZ MOUNTAIN CANARY birds; singers, \$8.00; females, \$2.00. Victor Salling in the Hardware store.

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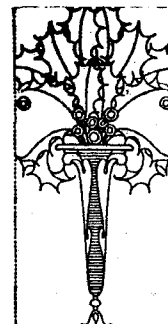
Only two more days to do your Christmas Shopping. This big store is full of the Christmas spirit. Every department is full of useful Gifts. We are prepared to give you better service, larger assortments and lower prices than in general.

**SILK TIES.**

Cheney Silk Ties in four-in-hands and bows. A great big assortment in holiday boxes, always acceptable.

**MEN'S FELT SLIPPERS.**

Genuine Comfy Slippers in several styles. Always a welcome gift.

**MEN'S SHOES.**

Several New Styles of Men's Shoes just in—dark brown calf, medium or English toe—

\$6.50 \$8.50 \$9.00

**HAIR RIBBONS.**

A splendid line of Hair Ribbons. All marked at lower prices.

**SWEATERS.**

Children's and Ladies' Sweaters—Coat or slip over styles.

**MEN'S SHIRTS.**

We can safely say we are showing the largest assortment of Men's dress Shirts in the city—Silks, Percalés, Madras. An extra Shirt or two is always acceptable, and they are now 25% lower.

FOR MEN—Handkerchiefs, Ties, Gloves, Bath Robes, Suit Cases and Bags, Slippers, Mufflers, Shirts.

**FOR LADIES—**

Tea aprons, Bath Robes, Felt Slippers, Gloves, Silk Underwear, Silk Blouses, Fancy Towels.

**FOR CHILDREN—**

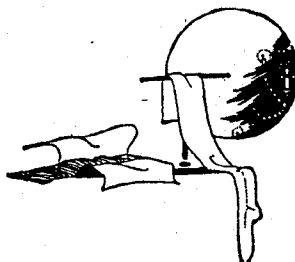
Shoes, Hosiery, Slippers, Ribbons, Gloves and Mitts, Sweaters, Caps.

**HANDKERCHIEFS.**

Men's Ladies' and Children's. Quantities to select from at 10c and up.

**BOUDOIR CAPS.**

A very dainty and useful as well as acceptable Gift—50c to \$2.00.

**SILK HOSIERY.**

for Men and Women. A splendid assortment at reduced prices.

**INFANT WEAR.**

Infants' Bootees, Tocques, Bibs, Sweaters and Bonnets.

**MEN!**—The Sale of Overcoats and Suits at greatly reduced prices makes this a grand opportunity to get high class Clothing at less than their original cost.

\$15, \$25, \$32.50, \$40.

Prices throughout the store are greatly reduced. Buy now with all confidence.

**Grayling Mercantile Co.**

The Quality Store.

**THE SIMPSON CO.**

PHONE FOURTEEN

Grocers

PROMPT DELIVERY

We wish to take this opportunity to express to our Customers and Friends our heartest and best wishes for A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year.

**Our Special List For Friday**

Pure French Cream Candy, 2 lbs. . . . .	55c	Richelieu Crystallized Ginger, packed in sanitary tin boxes, each . . .	69c
Assorted Fruit Drops, lb. . . . .	25c	Mixed Nuts, new 1920 crop, 2 lbs. . . .	45c
Xmas Mixed Candy, large pieces, lb. . .	23c	Filberts large clean meaty Nuts, 2 lbs . .	49c
Old Fashioned Sugar Roasted Peanuts, lb. . . . .	25c	Brazel Nuts, large washed, lb. . . . .	35c
Blanched Peanut Squares, lb. . . . .	25c	Walnuts, California soft shell, lb. . . .	33c
Brilliant Hard Mix Candy, lb. . . . .	25c	Peanuts, Fresh roasted, 2 lbs. . . . .	29c
Carmel Kisses, wrapped, lb. . . . .	33c	Almonds, Xtra soft shell, lb. . . . .	25c
Chocolates, 1 pound boxes . . . . .	70c	Holly Wreaths, large with plenty of berries, each . . . . .	29c
Honey Milk Almond Naugats, lb. box . . . . .	99c	Butter, Creamery, fresh daily, lb. . . .	48c
Richelieu Chocolates, 1 lb. Xmas box of assorted Chocolates . . . \$1.25		Sugar, Pure Cane, 5 lbs. . . . .	48c
Mixed Hard Candy, pure sugar, lb. jar . . . . .	65c	Old Master Coffee, lb. . . . .	45c
		Jello, all Flavors, 2 pkgs. . . . .	25c

STORE CLOSED CHRISTMAS DAY

**THE Richelieu STORE**

A title is like a hat—it must fit the man who tries to wear it or it's a joke. August McPhee was in West Branch over Sunday visiting relatives.

Mrs. Morris Gorman, who was in a serious condition at Mercy hospital, is improving.

A. M. Lewis will leave Friday to spend Christmas with his mother, Mrs. Frank Getz of Brown City.

Lawrence Roberts, who has been visiting his brother Alva Roberts for several weeks left for Cheboygan last Thursday.

Only a few of those beautiful Electric table and floor lamps left at Peterson's - Jewelry store. Better hurry if you intend to have one for Xmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Bebb expect to spend Xmas in Bay City, the guests of Mrs. Bebb's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Sauve.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Brown are planning on spending Christmas with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Woodruff in Bay City.

Miss Agnes Mayo, Mrs. Oliver Lovely and George Mayo came from Bay City Saturday to visit over the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Mayo.

Miss Beatrice Richardson of Roscommon was united in marriage to Mr. Hursell Fairbotham of this city at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Waldron Saturday afternoon at 5:00 o'clock. Rev. C. E. Doty performed the ceremony. The groom is the son of William Fairbotham, Sr., an old resident of this place. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Richardson of Lansing, who but recently moved to that city from Roscommon.

Only two days left of Landsberg's Xmas offer to Grayling on Pathe.

I am prepared to do plain and fancy dressmaking, knitting or crocheting. Miss Edna Wingard.

F. M. Freeland, who has been confined to his home for several weeks with illness is able to be out and around the streets with the aid of crutches. His illness is caused from an injury, which was thought to be but a slight one at the time it happened, when his Chevrolet auto turned over pinning him underneath it, while driving.

The Masonic ball, which is the eleventh annual party given by Grayling Lodge F. & A. M., will take place at the High School gymnasium next Wednesday evening, December 29th. Six hundred invitations have been issued and a large crowd of out-of-town guests are expected for the affair. The committees are making great preparations and expect to surpass in decorations, etc., their parties of former years. Plan on being there to take part in the affair.

Fire broke out in the home of Jerry Sherman last Friday morning, that nearly destroyed the wooden structure. When first discovered by Mrs. Sherman the roof was on fire and upon investigation the whole attic of the house was found to be on fire. It is thought that it caught from a defective chimney, as in the morning a hot fire was burning in the kitchen cook stove and it must have been smoldering and burning until ten o'clock when it was discovered. All the household furnishings were carried out to safety and the building was covered by insurance. The family only a month ago purchased the property from Walmer Jorgenson. The roof was completely destroyed.

When buying a talking machine, why not a Pathe? Cost no more than the ordinary machine. Max Landsberg.

**The Christmas Store**

offers interesting merchandise in every line, that will help you in choosing fitting remembrances for all.

Avoid the inconvenience of last minute buying by taking advantage of our timely displays now awaiting your coming.

**Sorenson Brothers**

Home of Dependable Furniture.



## STATE NEWS

**Hilldale**—A campaign to raise \$750,000 to construct buildings at Hilldale college started here.

**Monroe**—Officers have been unable to find the parents of a baby, 10 days old, which was left on a porch here.

**Potoskey**—Homer Perry was elected president of the Emmet county fair, to be held the week of Sept. 6, 1921.

**Gladstone**—A shoe factory to employ 20 to 30 men will be established, \$30,000 of the capital being subscribed here.

**Marshall**—Calhoun County farmers in session here formed a Calhoun Marketing Association to distribute farm products.

**Bay City**—Thieves broke into the Goldberg general store at Gladwin and carried away clothing, including furs, valued at \$2,000.

**Iron Mountain**—The \$500,000 saw mill of the Michigan Iron Land & Lumber Co. will be ready for operation by May 1, 1921.

**Port Huron**—St. Clair county will celebrate its centennial July 3 to 8, 1921, when a pageant depicting its history will be given.

**Grand Rapids**—With attendance falling off and funds running low, the board of education has decided to close free night schools Jan. 28.

**Kalamazoo**—Mrs. Melissa Brunk obtained a divorce because her husband, Clarence Brunk, she testified, spent most of his married life in jail.

**Holland**—Mrs. Robert S. Close dropped dead when she went to the rescue of her husband who was pinned under falling timbers when a storm porch collapsed.

**Adrian**—The Continental Sugar Co., of Blissfield, is holding 16,000,000 pounds of sugar in its warehouses, because there is practically no market, it announces.

**Ludington**—At a special meeting of the board of education it was voted to submit to the voters a proposition to bond the district for a new high school building.

**Adrian**—The Adrian Fence Co. has reduced its operation time to five hours a day and the Page Steel & Wire Co. to 44 hours a week, owing to a slump in orders.

**Iron Mountain**—Officers are investigating the killing of John Sakel in the woods near here. A companion told the officers Sakel accidentally shot himself when he slipped on the ice.

**Pontiac**—While Mrs. Thomas Wilson was completing the serving of 90 days in jail for beating her daughter of seven, her husband was sentenced to four months for repeating the beating.

**Grand Rapids**—Water rates will be increased here beginning Jan. 1. The new rate is about \$1 a year higher for the small user and two cents for each 100 cubic feet more for the large consumer.

**Mason**—John Marshall, rural mail carrier in Ingham County for 21 years and said to have traveled a distance equal to seven and a half times around the world while delivering mail, died here. He was 76 years old.

**Bay City**—Northern Michigan farmers are being paid 45 and 50 cents a bushel for potatoes which are being sold in most cities for from \$1.25 to \$1.50 and a further drop in the price paid to the producers is expected.

**Muskegon**—Mayor Paul R. Beardsley has received a letter threatening his life because, the letter says, jitney bus owners in the city "have not been given a square deal." The letter has been turned over to the police.

**Lansing**—Professor Walter French of this city has been appointed deputy instructor general of the Grand Commandery of Knight Templars of Michigan. Professor French succeeds Fred Aldrich, who becomes attached to the advisory staff of the grand commandery.

**Pontiac**—The General Motors Truck plant, which closed Nov. 13, has resumed operations with a schedule of 400 cars for December. Trucks are being disposed of at a rate of 50 per cent of normal, says W. L. Day, general manager, and a shortage of trucks, forcing large operations, may be looked for.

**Monroe**—Game Warden Ireland was ordered in court to return to the offices of Attorney Milligan, of Detroit, the shotgun taken by him from Thomas A. Fuller, Ethel Dix and six others while they were hunting in the marshes near Monroe, October 30, claiming they were hunting after sunset. He did not arrest the party, merely confiscating the guns.

**Grand Rapids**—A Grand Rapids conscientious thief has convinced Stephen Nowak of the value of banks. The burglar stole \$1,500 hidden in Nowak's home because Nowak didn't believe in banks. Twenty-four hours later the thief wrapped the money in a newspaper and placed it on the porch where Nowak stumbled over it as he left his house.

**Bessemer**—George Brewer, 8, oldest mining captain on the Gogebic range and prominent Mason in the upper peninsula, died suddenly of heart failure at the court house here, when answering a summons to appear as a witness in the James Griller murder case. Out of respect to Mr. Brewer, court was adjourned for the day. Mr. Brewer was born in England and is survived by a widow, two sons and a daughter. In 1885 he opened the Aurora mine, and has been prominent in upper peninsula mining circles since.

**Owosso**—Medical and service records of 200 disabled veterans of the World War were destroyed by a fire which for a time threatened the entire business district. The loss is estimated at \$100,000. The soldiers' records were in the office of Drs. J. J. Haviland and R. C. Mazanec, which was destroyed with all office equipment. The fire started in the basement of the store of the Foster Furniture & Hardware Co., and spread to the Hall Building, which is almost a total loss. Eleven other occupants suffered losses.

**Adrian**—A "Bigger Adrian club" has been formed to promote the expansion of this city.

**Hilldale**—The Alamo Engine Co. has temporarily reduced its staff of employees from 300 to 60 men.

**Howard City**—The roof of Wm. Schaub's farm home was torn up in the windstorm while the family slept.

**Pontiac**—An underground cave, where officers believe a still has been in operation was discovered on a farm near Holly.

**Eaton Rapids**—The Eaton Rapids Wooden mill, the principal industry here, have closed down for an indefinite period.

**Yorkville**—Hiram Ellis, station agent for the Michigan Railway Co., was held up and robbed of \$20 by two masked men.

**Port Huron**—O. E. Cutler, of Muskegon, has purchased several acres of land west of Port Huron and will start a \$10,000 fox farm.

**Alma**—Alma claims the largest chamber of commerce of any city of 7,000 in the state. Six hundred new members joined in the last two weeks.

**Owosso**—The city commission is inviting farmers to bring fresh meats to the city and distribute them from house to house to force prices down.

**Ann Arbor**—The Rev. F. W. Thruw has resigned the pastorate of the Scio Church, which he held for nearly 12 years, to open a music store in this city.

**Jenison**—Chi Pan Liu, who is being educated in the United States by the Chinese government, has obtained a position with the Verona Mining Co.

**Muskegon**—The Muskegon County Bar Association has adopted a resolution asking the legislature to provide a second circuit judge for Muskegon County.

**Grand Rapids**—The directors of the Grand Rapids Association of Commerce have passed resolutions favoring the continuance of the Michigan State Police.

**Grand Rapids**—To meet the increased demands for power, the Consumers Power Co. will build one and perhaps two dams on the Manistee and Ausable rivers next year.

**Grand Rapids**—The Michigan Trust Co. has increased its capitalization from \$200,000 to \$1,000,000 by the aid of its accumulated surplus, retaining \$500,000 in the treasury.

**Cadillac**—Wexford County will receive state aid in keeping roads open all winter. It is estimated that the county loses \$1,000 every day the roads are closed to traffic.

**St. Joseph**—The Macomb County road commissioners have offered rewards for the arrest of persons who dumped loads of rotting apples along the Gratiot avenue highway.

**Bay City**—Leo Rozewski, 18 years old, is in a hospital with a bullet in his lung, said to have been inflicted by officers who were looking for car thieves in the Pere Marquette yards.

**Port Huron**—A movement has been started here to rush forward public works to relieve the unemployment situation, while the city commission announces that lack of funds will force a suspension of municipal work.

**Kalamazoo**—Jesse Baker, 32, dependent upon his inability to obtain work and declaring that the "world had it in for him," killed himself by swallowing poison. The suicide followed a quarrel with his bride of a month.

**Flint**—Fined \$100 in police court for driving an automobile while intoxicated. R. A. Pincombe appealed to the Circuit Court, where he was sentenced to serve 90 days in the Detroit House of Correction without the option of a fine.

**Howard City**—While the family of William Schaub slept the wind storm tore the roof from the farm house and whirled it into the poultry house, which was wrecked. Schaub was awakened when bricks from the chimney fell into the attic.

**Pontiac**—The Oakland County association of past masters of Masonic bodies has been organized with P. D. Larson, of Pontiac, as president, and Dr. Smead, of Rochester, as secretary, to promote closer cooperation between Masonic groups.

**Big Rapids**—With his lower jaw shot away and his left hand mangled, A. B. Newton, of Grand Rapids, walked a half mile from the woods to a road unaided after a hunting accident near Stanwood. At the hospital here his hand was amputated.

**Saginaw**—Detroit police will be paid the reward of \$500 offered by Saginaw county for the arrest of Karl Weiner, according to a decision made by Sheriff Beach Baskin and Prosecuting Attorney R. L. Crane. Weiner is one of the men implicated in the Frankenth bank robbery, October 7.

**Allegan**—The state-wide search for Lillie and Sylvia Warner, who disappeared 19 days ago, ended with the announcement that the girls and been located in Battle Creek. The sisters were unaware that their absence had been brought to the attention of the authorities until they read in the papers about a suspected elopement with two Otsego youths, later found at Plainwood.

**Grand Rapids**—The City Trust & Savings bank will be relieved of a considerable amount of the delinquency of more than \$300,000 by its former assistant cashier, Fred W. French, through discovery of unexpected assets in possession of the one-time bank official. The discovery was made through activities of a force of detectives directed by W. J. Burns, who is personally on the ground. French is being detained in the county jail although he has been sentenced to a term of from 14 to 20 years at the Jackson prison.

**Battle Creek**—The Michigan Legislature may be asked to come to the rescue of Battle Creek in its effort to save Camp Custer as a military post. It was said by members of the Chamber of Commerce, who are endeavoring to interest other Michigan cities in the movement to have the state take over the camp, that the clearing of the camp by the time the Legislature meets. It is thought probable that a movement will be made at Lansing to have the state bid on the property.

## CABLE COMPANY FAVORS BRITISH

"LEAKS" TO U. S. COMPETITORS DISCOVERED, SAYS FORMER NAVY OFFICER.

## ADVANTAGE IN PLACING OF BIDS

President of Western Union Admits Cables Filed in England Are Held Several Hours.

Washington.—American commercial messages handled by a British cable company were turned over to British merchants at Rio de Janeiro during the war, giving the British an advantage over their American competitors, Captain F. K. Hill, United States navy, retired, testified before a subcommittee of the senate inter-state commerce commission investigating cable management and control. Hill was a naval attaché stationed at Rio de Janeiro during the war.

Hill said messages sent by American merchants over British cables from Rio to New York and other American ports found their way immediately into hands of British merchants at Rio.

The Rio agents of an American electrical firm sent a message to New York, asking for a bid for a prospective Brazilian customer, Hill said. The message, before it reached New York, was turned over to a British electrical firm at Rio and when the American bid arrived, the American agent found his British competitor already had submitted one, the witness said.

Hill said this was but one of many instances of "leaks" of American commercial messages British merchants freely and openly availed themselves of while he was at Rio. He said he had investigated frequent complaints of American merchants at Rio and had found British business and commercial interests at Rio were apprised of contents of American commercial messages the instant they were filed with the British cable company.

Newcomb Carlton, president of the Western Union, told the committee American cables filed in Great Britain are held four or five hours by British naval authorities. He said he understood this had to do with orders in Great Britain, probably in Ireland. He said he had informed the state department of this but never had complaints from American business concerns.

## TO SUBMIT \$57,000,000 BUDGET

General Recommendations To Be Made By Budget Commission.

Lansing.—A summary of the \$57,000,000 appropriation requests by state departments, with only general recommendations, will be presented to the legislature by the state budget commission.

At a conference of the commission and Governor-elect Alex. J. Groesbeck, it was agreed that insufficient time remained for the making of specific recommendations by the budget board.

This body will ask for 30 to 60 days to work with the legislative committee in preparing final and complete recommendations. Mr. Groesbeck, urging this method, said an ill-prepared list of specific recommendations placed before the legislature would complicate the situation.

## FRENCH WAR MINISTER QUILTS

Opposition to New Military Service Bill Given As Reason.

Paris.—Andre Lefevre, the war minister, resigned because of his opposition to the new military service bill now before the Chamber of Deputies, which provides for 18 months' obligatory military service. M. Lefevre had insisted on two years' service with the colors. It was announced that Flaminius Raiberti, president of the financial commission of the Chamber of Deputies, had agreed to take the war ministry in succession to M. Lefevre.

## LEAGUE ADMITS FORMER FOES

Bulgaria, Austria, Costa Rica, Finland and Luxemburg Now Members.

Geneva.—Four new nations were formally made members of the League of Nations by the Assembly of the league here. They were Bulgaria, Costa Rica, Finland and Luxemburg. France and Australia abstained from voting when the admission of Bulgaria was before the assembly.

Bulgaria is the second former enemy state to be admitted to the League as Austria was elected Dec. 15 with out opposition.

## URGE GOOD ROADS APPROPRIATION.

Washington.—The American Association of State Highway Officials stated before the house roads committee that unless assured of the annual appropriation for highways of \$100,000,000 the federal government, the good roads work throughout the country would be discontinued and 160,000 men thrown out of employment. They asked the committee to act favorably and immediately on a bill introduced in the house by Representative McArthur, of Oregon.

## PAROLE DENIED BANK WRECKER.

Springfield, Ill.—Charles B. Munday, sentenced to three years in prison for his part in the wrecking of the LaSalle Street Trust & Savings bank, of Chicago, was denied a reprieve by Governor Lowden and must serve out his prison sentence. Governor Lowden acted upon the recommendation of the state board of pardons and paroles which heard Munday's plea for liberty. The appeal to Governor Lowden was Munday's last chance to escape serving his sentence.



KNUT HAMSON

Knut Hamsun, the Norwegian poet, has been awarded the Nobel prize for literature according to announcement made recently.

He was born in Norway but spent several years in the United States during which time he worked at several odd jobs, but is remembered principally as a street car conductor in Chicago.

It was not until after his return to his native country that he began to write to any great extent, but once started it did not take long before his ability was noted, until today he stands out as a writer of exceptional worth.

## REFORESTATION TAX AID ASKED

Cadillac Conference Indorses Plan For Replanting of Forests.

Cadillac.—Encouragement of reforestation in northwestern Michigan by remitting taxes on reforested lands and putting an extra tax on cut-over lands whose owners refuse to reforest was indorsed at a reforestation conference here attended by county agricultural agents, State Farm Bureau leaders, M. A. C. forestry experts and others.

Speakers advocated the remission of taxes during the period when the timber crop is maturing, to overcome the objection, often raised to reforestation, that the taxes would take all the profit out of reforesting. Putting a surtax on land whose owners would not reforest would, it was argued, quiet opposition from state and county, at least, by compensating them for the loss of remitted taxes.

## ANTI-STRIKE BILL APPROVED

Senate Passes Measure Providing \$10,000 Fine and 10 Year Sentence.

Washington.—The Poindexter anti-strike bill was passed by the senate without debate or a record vote. The measure, which now goes to the house, provides interference with interstate commerce shall be a felony.

Penalties for combinations interfering with interstate commerce, either by agreements between operatives or those of employers, are provided by the bill, which was introduced by Senator Poindexter, Republican, Washington, following elimination of the anti-strike provisions from the transportation act when it was pending in conference.

## SLEEPER GIVES 158 FREEDOM

Overcrowding of State Prison Will Be Solved Temporarily.

Lansing.—That the problem of overcrowding in Michigan prisons will be temporarily solved before Christmas, is indicated by parole orders signed by Gov. Sleeper. These orders provide for release of 158 inmates of the State Prison at Jackson and the Michigan Reformatory at Ionia.

Jackson, where inmates are now sleeping in corridors for lack of cell space, will lose 100 inmates as a result of the grant of Christmas paroles that traditionally accompany the retirement of a Governor. The men to be paroled have been before the Advisory Board in the Matter of Pardons and have been recommended for release.

## FIRE CAUSES \$2,650,000 LOSS

Short Circuit Starts Blaze That Destroys Three Vessels At Dock.

New Orleans.—Fire caused by an electric feed wire snapping and dropping into a pool of water, creating a short circuit, did damage estimated at \$2,650,000 to the \$3,750,000 floating drydock of the Jahncke Drydock and Shipbuilding company here, destroyed three vessels undergoing repairs, damaged six others and caused a casualty list of at least 30.

## EEL DISRUPTS FERRY SERVICE.

Portsmouth, N. H.—The good ship Alice Howard swallowed an eel and ferry service between Kittery, Me., and this city was stopped until her throat could be cleared. All the marine doctors of the port were called into consultation before the trouble that kept her at her pier was diagnosed as a digestive and traced directly to the injector. There it was found the pipes were clogged. Fires were drawn and search of the feed tank revealed a large eel.

## BARS FREE ADVICE TO CONGRESS.

Washington.—Declaring that the executive departments were "constantly advising congress what it should or should not do," through the medium of annual or other reports not called for specifically by congress, Vice President Marshall announced in the senate that he would not in the future place before the senate any reports unless they were in response to special resolutions, required by law or transmitted by the president. Senator Lodge was agreeable to the decision.

## Items Of Interest in World's News

## Strikers In Norway Lose.

Christiania, Norway.—The railway strike has ended in the capitulation of the strikers, who were given none of their demands.

## Vitagraph Head Weds Star.

Paris.—Miss Lucille O'Hair, known to the picture world as Joan Page, Vitagraph star, was married to Albert Smith, of Oyster Bay, N. Y., president of the company.

## Federal Judge Clayton Passes.

McAlester, Okla.—Judge W. H. H. Clayton, for years federal judge for eastern Oklahoma and prominent in Republican tickets during territorial days, died at his home here, Dec. 15.

## Brazil and Germany on Terms.

Rio de Janeiro.—Diplomatic relations between Germany and Brazil, which were broken in April, 1917, were resumed when Geo. Alfred Piehn, German minister to this country, arrived here.

## Kermit Roosevelt Speeds; Fined.

New York.—Kermit Roosevelt, son of the late Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, was fined \$25 for speeding on Staten Island. He pleaded guilty, explaining that his speedometer was broken.

## Jay B. Willis Is Dead.

Delaware, O.—Jay B. Willis, father of Frank B. Willis, United States Senator-elect, died at his home here. He suffered a stroke of paralysis eight weeks ago. Mr. Willis was 86 years old and a native of Vermont.

## Baruch Presented D. S. Medal.

Washington.—An announcement that Secretary Baker, at the direction of the President, has awarded Distinguished Service Medal to Bernard M. Baruch, former chairman of the War Industries Board, was made at a reunion dinner here for former officials of the Board.

## Palmer Asks Congress for \$1,815,631.

Washington.—Attorney General Palmer has asked congress for a deficiency appropriation of \$1,815,631 to meet expenses for the current fiscal year. Of this sum the attorney general asks \$500,000 for the detection and prosecution of crime and \$400,000 for the work of United States district attorneys.

## Says Horse Flesh Is Good.

St. Paul.—Use of horse flesh as meat was advocated here by Prof. M. O. Anderson, Federal meat inspector at the South St. Paul yards. Speaking before a meeting of housewives, Prof. Anderson declared horse steaks were just as good as beef steaks, and said that a market for horse flesh has already developed.

## Merchant Charged With Theft.

Boston.—Edward D. Rice, head of the firm of Edward E. Rice & Co., dye stuff commission merchants, was arrested on an indictment charging larceny of \$300,000. It is alleged that the sum was obtained from the New England Trust company and the National Shawmut bank on notes based on fraudulent statements.

## Nude Statues Are "Lynched."

St. Petersburg, Fla.—Visitors at the Florida Winter Art school exhibition found the nude statues garbed in midie blouses and bloomers. Recently the Christian Civic League censured the nude art at the school and several busts suspended from the ceiling by strings tied around the necks, were labelled "Lynched by the Christian Civic League."

## U. S. Gets Brazilian Contract.

Rio de Janeiro.—It is reported a contract will be signed by which the Pearson Engineering Corporation of New York City will undertake construction of extensive improvements at Niteroy, the capital of the state of Rio de Janeiro. The works include the construction of a port and sanitation facilities and the paving of several streets.

## Toledo Plant Resumes Work.

Toledo, O.—After being suspended since the middle of October, operations in the M. Wagon company's body factory have been resumed. According to an announcement by Horace W. Strydom, president of the company, the plant began work on an order for several million dollars' worth of automobile bodies for General Motors company.

## Italy Has Movie-Library Ship.

Rome.—A strange craft has just appeared on the River Po. This ship, the Mazzini, is full of books, pamphlets, lectures, foot balls and other sports equipment and a picture theater operated by electricity. The ship will call at isolated villages where amusement is few, sell or lend cheap books and show instructive films on her deck.

## \$170,000 For Loss of Star.

New York.—It became known that the amount for which the life of Olive Thomas, the motion picture star, who died at Paris in September as the result of self-administered mercurochrome poisoning, was insured, was \$170,000. It has been paid in full to the Selsnick Pictures corporation, the concern which took out that amount on its star. Lewis J. Szyzdek, president of the motion picture company, declined to state the amount of the insurance.

## Died Believing He Financed Ford.

New York.—The late James J. McCabe, machinery manufacturer, was obsessed with the idea that he had given Henry Ford the money with which Ford built his first automobile, according to testimony by his widow, Mrs. Marcella McCabe, at the hearing in the contest over Mr. McCabe's million dollar will. His sons, James J. and Raymond McCabe, are seeking to break the instrument on the ground that their father was not of sound mind.

## The American Legion

(Copy to This Department Supplied by the American Legion News Service.)

## ROAST FOR THE PROFITEERS

Chaplain of Columbia University Post Brands Grasps as "Greedy Human Vultures."

"Greedy human vultures" and "crawling ghouls" were terms applied to war profiteers by Rev. Dr. Herbert Shipman, chaplain of Columbia university post, No. 400, of the American Legion, in his Armistice day sermon at the Church of the Heavenly Rest on Fifth avenue in New York.

Doctor Shipman, who is rector of the Fifth avenue church and an overseas veteran, said that he was bitter against "those who out of the sacrifice and blood of others have coined dirty money while posing as patriots."

The pastor read from a poem he had written, the title of which is "The Profiteer."

It follows:  
You have decked your frowzy wives with borrowed splendors,  
You have hung your daughters' necks with stolen pearls;  
Have you thought about the other wives, the lenders,  
Or the barmaids made to decorate your girls?

You have fashioned from the needs of sick and dying  
From the souls of children pleading for the right,  
Ready cash today to do your Christmas buying,  
Ready cash to pay your prostitute tonight.

You have coined your filthy gold from blood and sorrow;  
There are soldier graves across the field of France,  
Whence the dead through you upon to-morrow  
Will rise to damn your profits with a glance.

All the deathless deeds worth doing and worth telling,  
All the things that noble men hold high and true,  
All but seemed to you for buying and for selling,  
All to serve a greasy human vulture—  
you!

God! That better men should toll and sweat and labor,  
Bear the cross and climb up Calvaries of pain;  
While the crawling ghouls that spare not friend or neighbor  
Damn the world to make a crucible for gain.

If in blackest hell, O Lord, there be a blacker;  
If beneath the deepest pit a deeper pit;  
Not for hallel, thief or coward slacker  
But for these that blackest, deepest hell is fit.

Profiteers of every sort and kind and fashion,  
Where you tread full many other feet have trod;  
You are ranged against the power of Christ's own passion;  
Here! Behind you walk the searching feet of God.

## FUNERAL OF OVERSEAS HERO

Massachusetts Post Conducts Last Rites for Member of the Twenty-Sixth Division.

The Fall River (Mass.) post No. 126, of the American Legion recently conducted a funeral for Private Ward of the Twenty-Sixth division, who died overseas. The photograph shows the flag-draped casket being carried by the guard of honor from the portals of the Fall River armory.

## \$350,000 FOR NEW HOSPITAL

American Legion of Texas Actively Behind Plan for Care of Men Who Have Tuberculosis.

The American Legion of Texas is now actively behind the campaign to raise \$350,000 for a hospital for tuberculous ex-service men. At a recent meeting of the Benevolent War Risk society of Texas the directorate was increased from 15 to 45, the 30 new directors being the membership of the state Legion executive committee and five members of the central hospital committee at Austin.

This marks the turning over of active control of the campaign to the Legion. Some \$200,000 still remains to be raised, but the first unit of 100 beds of the proposed hospital is almost ready for occupancy.

## Holds War Relic Exhibit.

An exhibit of war relics and souvenirs from overseas was put on display by the Kokomo (Ind.) post at a recent local exposition. Space for the booth was donated to the men of The American Legion by the chamber of commerce. The post put on a drive for new members in connection with the exhibit.

## Easy Method.

You can judge whether apples are fresh or not by the saps they give you.—Boston Transcript.

## WOMAN WORKER IS HONORED

Miss Pauline Curnick of Indianapolis Is Selected Executive Secretary of Women's Auxiliary.

In accordance with the free



"Now, Boy of the North," said Santa Claus to his dog, "Now we will see the fun!"

So Santa Claus took out his telescope, which he takes out every Christmas day, and looked through it.

"I suppose," he said, "that many people might think that I would at once take a rest from all the hard work I've been doing; but, no, Santa Claus waits a little while."

"He wants to see the children first. Of course he cannot see them as they open their stockings because he is not back home in time to see all of that and he would rather be busy up to the last moment than see what happens every minute."

"But when he does get back home he likes to see the children and their smiles, doesn't he, Boy of the North?"

Boy of the North wagged his tail and looked at Santa out of his great eyes.

"Yes, Boy of the North, your old master must see his children smile!"

And Boy of the North wagged his tail again to let Santa Claus know that he understood.

Boy of the North had sat by Santa Claus when he had worked during the days and nights before Christmas and when he had been getting ready for Christmas long before the Christmas season, too.

He had napped while Santa had worked and he had put his nose in Santa's lap when Santa grew tired and when Boy of the North knew he wanted his dog's love.

Boy of the North was so glad Santa was back again and that Santa would rest for a little while and he would see Santa growing younger and younger, or rather so much younger each year that he never grew any older.

It all happened in this way: First of all, as soon as Santa Claus came back from his Christmas travels he got out his magic telescope and looked through it. He saw into rooms in the houses and he only looked into rooms where there were children.

He knew where there were children, too, for hadn't he visited every one of them?

And he always told Boy of the North just what he was seeing and Boy of the North sat by Santa's side and wagged his tail at the right time and gave little barks of joy at the right time, too.

"Ah, Boy of the North," said Santa, "there is Annette. Do you know Annette? You've heard me speak of her. She has golden hair, you know; such lovely golden hair, and her voice is just like music!"

"She is smiling over my presents. Oh, Boy of the North, that does make me happy!"

"And there is Lucy! She has soft, golden curls, and she is screaming with delight over my presents!"

"And I see Phyllis, too. Her hair is dark and it is cut off quite short, and she has a low voice and a very sweet smile. She is pleased, too, at what old Santa has brought her!"

"And there is Janet, with very, very dark hair. She is pleased—anyone could tell that! And I'm so glad that Janet is pleased!"

"Oh! Boy of the North, their smiles are wonderful, wonderful. How glad I am that I worked hard and that I made them such good toys."

And the girls are hugging their dolls and the boys are anxious to go right out and try their skates. Everything seems to have been just right.

"Boy of the North, old Santa Claus is happy!"

Yes, each year as Santa took his sleep and his rest after Christmas was all, all over.

Boy of the North had seen that he had grown younger, or rather he had never grown older.

And the reason that he had always kept at the same age was because in his sleep came the smiles and the voices of children who were happy and who loved old Santa Claus, and because his dreams were real he never grew older. For the smiles of children keep Santa Claus from growing any older.

So, while Boy of the North knew that his master became tired each year he knew that it was Christmas time and children that kept his master from growing older, and Boy of the North, too, loved Christmas!

#### Not Natural.

"England will not stand for pussy-foot methods."

"Could we expect it from such a dog nation?"

#### An Oversight.

"John," asked father, "do you practice on the piano while I am away at business?"

"Yes, father, every day," replied the boy.

"How long did you practice today?"

"Three hours."

"Well, I am glad to hear that you are so regular."

"And the next time you practice be sure to unlock the piano. Here is the key. I locked the instrument last week and have been carrying the key in my pocket ever since."—American Boy.

## Grandpa's Old Time Christmas

BY CHARLES FREDERICK WADSWORTH  
Decorations by Magnus G. Kettner

GRANDPA told me all about the old-time Christmases he had. When he was but six or eight, and just a teenie-weenie lad; Said they didn't have much candy, and not very many toys, But I bet he had a good time with the little girls and boys. Christmas Eve he'd hang his stocking by the old-time chimney place, Then he'd scamper up the stairway, crawl in bed and hide his face, For he knew Old Santa wouldn't bring his reindeer o'er the snow If a little boy could see him—everybody told him so.

THEN next morning how he'd hurry down to see the things he had. Things old Santa Claus had brought him, just to make a wee boy glad! But in those days Santa didn't carry in his shoulder pack Nice toys like my little train that runs along a little track; Maybe there would be a little sheep on wheels and painted white, Maybe just a little tin bank that would hold his pennies tight, And a little pair of mittens, and a pretty "nubia," too, That would keep him warm and cozy when the winds of winter blew.

AND they'd have a family dinner (all the relatives would meet, Uncles, aunts, and lots of cousins), with such good things there to eat. In the afternoon were walnuts, hickory nuts, and apples red, And the kids would wrap up warm and slide down hill on grandpa's sled. And there was the old melodeon that was played by Auntie Sue— Little pedals worked the bellows which was old and leaky too; "Shall We Gather at the River?" they would sing, and "Happy Day," And they'd bow their heads in silence while my grandpa's pa would pray.

THEN he'd get the children 'round him so that all of them could hear, And he'd tell of Jesus' birthday that we celebrate each year— Tell the story of the Wise Men, and the Star that led them on, How they found Him in the manger, God's own well-beloved Son. Oh, how grandpa's eyes would sparkle as he told of long ago, When his hair was curly golden, though it now is white as snow! When he'd finished, then he told me how to make my Christmas best: "Let your heart be filled with love, and that will outweigh all the rest."

### TREES AT CHRISTMAS TIME

From Time Immemorial They Have Played an Important Part in Yuletide Observance.

From time immemorial a tree has been a part of the Christmas celebration. It may be seen outside the traditional manglers in the missals and early paintings of the pre-Raphaelite Italian school. In the tree or near it are seen angels in flowing robes singing out of a scroll of illuminated paper.

the "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men," or Glory, Glory, Hallelujah!

Far back in the days when Egypt was one of the mighty nations of the world the people of that land used the palm tree for almost the same kind of festival at almost the same time of year as our Christmas. The palm puts forth a fresh shoot or sprig each month, and at the fetes or parties during the last week of the year

each guest brought a palm "spray" with 12 shoots as a symbol of the closing of another twelvemonth.

In those old days the Egyptians were wide travelers, and thus it happened that the custom was carried into Italy, but here the fir tree was substituted for the palm, and its tips were decorated with tiny candles burning in honor of the great god of seed-sowing, Saturn. There arose the custom of exchanging on certain days, known as the Sigillaria, figures of wax or candy, and these were sometimes tied on trees in gardens or forest.

At length the idea of the tree passed on into France and Germany and Denmark, where for centuries the primitive tribes hung either living animals or wooden images of them on the pine trees as sacrifices to the gods and naturally these people very readily accepted the idea of Christmas tree with its gifts and candles.

#### CHRISTMAS SPIRIT.

Christmas! Every year it comes and every year we love it and wonder why we haven't made the spirit of it last

all through the year. Perhaps we do not have the time? But to what do we give our time? And why is it that at Christmas we all "take time" to do the many little thoughtful things that we have been postponing for months and months? One of the things we seem to forget is that the more we give to others the more we have ourselves, and the more we have the capacity for giving. It is a wonderful thought and one that we should carry around with us all the time. For we always feel so tingling and joyous when we have made a sacrifice or see

that we have really made someone else unusually happy.

#### Christmas Cakes.

Cakes weighing from 1 to 12 pounds are made in Friedrichstadt. They place them in exalted position and play to them, representing, as they say they do, St. Nicholas. Of rye bread they make a hoar or hog, six or seven inches high, with gilt snout and tall, with gold rings around its knees. The business men put goods they have exhibited for sale on a revolving disk and raffle them off.



## Christmas Prices of Carnations



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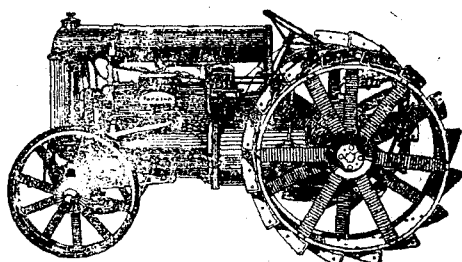
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### AN APPEAL TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

Three and one-half million children in Eastern and Central Europe have no alternative to disaster between now and next harvest except American aid. For months, these most helpless sufferers in the track of war have been admitted to American feeding-stations only if tragically undernourished, and have received American medical aid only if desperately threatened by death from disease.

One five-cent hot American meal daily has saved a thousand lives.

Winter is closing down. The money of many nations is valueless outside their own boundaries. Economic and crop conditions make famine, with its terrible train of diseases, a certain visitor until next harvest. Inevitably the helpless children will suffer most. No child can grow to health and sanity on the pitiful makeshifts for food with which millions of European adults must content themselves this winter. It is obvious that the remedy can come only from outside.

America saved 6,000,000 European children winter before last. Normal recuperation cut the need nearly in half last year, but unusual conditions have resulted in scant shrinkage of child destitution during the twelve months just passed. The response of America must now decide whether 3,500,000 of these charges, in acute

distress, shall begin to be turned away in January from more than 17,000 asylums, hospitals, clinics and feeding-stations dependent on American support. There would be no tragedy in history so sweeping or so destructive of those who can deserve no evil.

The undersigned organizations, working among every race and creed, many engaged also in other forms of relief, agree unanimously that the plight of these helpless children should have complete priority in overseas charity until the situation is met. This is an issue without politics and without religious lines. There can be no danger of pauperization, for the \$23,000,000 for child food, and the \$10,000,000 for medical service that we seek, will relieve only the critical cases. The medical supplies, of course, must be an unqualified gift, but for every American dollar used in child-feeding, the governments and communities aided furnish two dollars in the form of transportation, rent, labor, clerical help, cash contributions and such food supplies as are locally obtainable.

America has not failed in the past in great-heartedness. She has never had a more poignant call than this. And it must not be forgotten that it is to our interest to establish order throughout the world and win the good will of these nations with whom we must live in close intercourse in the future. Contributions should be turned over to the local committees which are now being formed for this national collection, or sent to Franklin K. Lane, Treasurer, Guaranty Co., New York City.

### RIVERVIEW NEWS.

Mrs. George Weldon returned from attending the bedside of her mother. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bromwell spent a week at their farm in Gladwin County and visiting old friends.

Mrs. Jerome Raymond is here with her daughter Mrs. Bromwell. Mr. Jake Rader has moved his family to camp at Carl's siding.

Miss Emma Weiss went to Grayling Friday.

### WANT SEASONS ON GAME TO BE ALTERNATED.

Upper Peninsula Sportsmen Favor Shooting of Deer One Year ... Birds Next.

An idea by upper peninsula men which probably will receive the support of residents of the game counties of the lower peninsula has been started to take steps to preserve from extinction the game birds and animals of the state.

The suggestion is to have the state alternate deer and bird seasons, instead of having both seasons come together as at present.

It is believed that even with the deer season limited to ten days as was done this year, and allowing of the shooting of birds does not protect the game at all should.

Should the season be open on deer and closed on birds one year, and this be reversed the following year it is argued that both deer and birds would multiply more rapidly than they are killed.

### BIG MONEY IN MUSKRAT HIDES.

With the greatly increased demand for all sorts of furs there has developed a new branch of industry which can be worked up to splendid advantage in Northeastern Michigan—the growing of fur bearing animals. A great deal of space has been devoted by newspapers lately to stories about silver-black fox ranches, but to stock one of these ranches means an investment of thousands of dollars and the death of a single animal means a big loss to its owner.

Muskrat farms can be started on an outlay of comparatively few dollars, can be maintained with far less labor and expense than fox ranches and will bring, if properly managed big returns from land of little value for other purposes. Muskrats breed rapidly, require little or no care and where they can be grown they will make a substantial increase in the farm income.

### CHAMBERLAIN'S COUGH REMEDY.

Now is the time to lay in a supply of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It is almost sure to be needed before the winter is over. You will look a good while before you find a better remedy for coughs, colds, croup and whooping cough or one that is more pleasant to take. It meets with favor everywhere. Buy it now and be prepared.—Adv.

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### The First Christmas

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, fear not; for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you. Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of heavenly host praising God, and saying,

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another: Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning the child.

And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

—St. Luke ii:8-20.



### A Good Business Man.

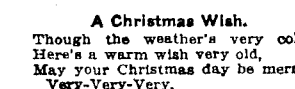
A commercial traveler had taken a large order in Scotland for a consignment of hardware and endeavored to press upon the canny Scottish manager who had given him the order a Christmas gift of a box of Havana cigars.

"Now," he replied, "Don't try to bribe a man. I cudna tak them and I am a member of the kirk."

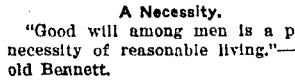
"But will you not accept them as a Christmas present?"

"I cudna," said the Scot. "Well, then," said the traveler, "suppose I sell you the cigars for a merely nominal sum—say, sixpence?"

"Weel, in that case," replied the Scot, "since you press me, and, not liking to refuse an offer weel meant, I think I'll be taking two boxes."



A Christmas Wish. Though the weather's very cold Here's a wish with very old, May your Christmas day be merry Very-Very-Very.



### A Necessity.

"Good will among men is a prime necessity of reasonable living."—Arnold Bennett.

### MORTGAGE SALE.

Whereas default has been made in payment of money secured by mortgage dated December 4, 1916, executed by Charles A. Cook and Pearl Cook his wife to Roscommon State Bank, a corporation, which mortgage was recorded in the office of Register of Deeds of Crawford County, Michigan, in Liber F of Mortgages on page fifty on December 14, 1916;

And Whereas the amount claimed to be due on said mortgage at date hereof including taxes paid by mortgagee is \$292.33 and \$15 attorney fee provided by statute which is the whole amount claimed to be unpaid on said mortgage; and no suit or proceedings having been instituted at law to recover the debt now remaining secured by said mortgage or any part thereof whereby the power of sale contained therein has become operative;

Therefore notice is hereby given that by virtue of said power of sale and pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided said mortgage will be foreclosed by sale of the premises therein described at public auction to the highest bidder at the front door of the court house in Grayling in said county of Crawford on March 18, 1921, at one o'clock in the afternoon; which said premises are described in said mortgage as follows:

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